

**The deadline for receiving applications is March 15, 2015**

**APPLICATION GUIDELINES FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
CIVIL SOCIETY PROGRAM (CJCSP) GRANTS FOR 2015**

**Basic requirements:** The application should be in English, neatly typed and easy to read. Perfect English is not required but the proposal must be understandable to an English speaker. Please use Times New Roman 12 font letters and do not change the original look of the application form. Applications must be emailed to the following address: [INLGrantsPodgorica@state.gov](mailto:INLGrantsPodgorica@state.gov). Applications received after 17:00 local time on March 15, 2015, will not be considered. Please direct any questions to the INL Section at U.S. Embassy Podgorica by e-mail to [INLGrantsPodgorica@state.gov](mailto:INLGrantsPodgorica@state.gov).

**APPLICATION TIPS AND GUIDELINES:**

**Name of the project:** Come up with a project name that is short, informative, and creative.

**Amount requested in USD (\$):** Write down the total amount requested. Amount must be identical to the total amount written in the budget. Amount must be in US dollars.

**Project dates:** When do you plan on carrying out your project? Be realistic about dates and duration. Remember that, even if approved, funds from the CJCSP may not be available for as long as up to two months. If your project is approved, you may be asked to change the dates.

**Name of the organization (in English and original language):** Write down the name of your organization in the original language and the translation in English.

**Address:** Write down the exact address of your organization.

**Contact information:** Provide the requested contact information of the person in charge of the project you are applying with.

**Contact person:** Provide first and last name of the person in charge of implementing the project you are applying with.

**Executive summary:** Write down a short summary of your project. Note that the summary is a very important part of your application intended to grab the reader's attention. Make sure you include key information on what your project is about and what you want to achieve.

**Project purpose:** What does the applicant organization propose to do? The proposal should contain sufficient information that anyone not familiar with the work of the organization would understand. The more specific, detailed, concise and clear the program description, the better. Remember that the CJCSP will only award funds to the top proposals, those that can clearly show how the proposed project will help the criminal justice sector in Montenegro. Try to think

of active, innovative and engaging projects. Applicants are encouraged to develop unique activities.

**Project justification:** This is a very important aspect of the proposal and applicants should pay particular attention to it. What is the importance of the project? Why should it be funded? Who will be affected by this project? What difference does it make for Montenegro? Remember that the CJCSP Commission will only support those projects that will make an important contribution.

**Detailed description of project activities:** Please list all project activities in detail. This is a very important section because it gives the committee a walk through the project lifecycle.

**Project sustainability:** Describe the expected long-term effects of the project. Projects are encouraged to be self-sustaining. If the project is intended to continue after the funding from the CJCSP ends, the proposal should contain an explanation of how the organization will fund the activity in the future.

**Organization background:** Include information such as when the organization was founded, principle activities, significant achievements, etc. If the project proposal makes it to the final round, applicants will be requested to send in a copy of the registration papers of the organization as issued by host country authorities. Please also include the name and title of director and other significant staff members, particularly those who will be involved in the project. If the project proposal makes it to the final round, applicants will be requested to send in CVs or resumes of the people who will be engaged in the project.

**Previous U.S. Government funding:** Please write down the year, amount, name of funder and project title, should you have had any previous funding from the U.S. Government (USAID, Democracy Commission Grants, etc.).

**Detailed budget:** In order to be sure that the CJCSP Commission understands why there is a need for money, please prepare a line-by-line list of expenses that will be generated by this project. The budget should be prepared in a logical manner and offer enough detail that a reviewer will be able to understand exactly what the figures mean and how that figure was determined.

All project expenses should be calculated in advance and be realistic. The CJCSP Commission members will not authorize any funds if there is any question about the budget. Please check the exchange rate US dollar – euro when calculating the costs in US dollars.

The budget narrative should follow the actual budget presentation itself and describe in some detail the costs presented in the budget. In other words, the narrative explains, line by line, what the numbers mean and how they were determined. (For example, Travel: \$3,000." Explanation:

Two day conference in (location) for 30 participants with a 2 X \$50.00 travel grant to each participant for room, board and transportation costs.).

Program expenses should cover all costs for the project activities. They may include all honoraria to specialists or associates; travel/per diem/lodging expenses for trips; and all expenses for seminars or conferences (speakers' fee, preparation of materials and room rental).

Fees can be paid only to the people who will spend a majority of their time on the project and have signed contracts. The fees should be calculated on the total number of hours worked for the duration of the project. Fee levels should be reasonable and not higher than other local salaries, and should include all local taxes. NGO's permanent staff members involved in implementing the program cannot receive extra money for conducting other activities related to the program.

Equipment includes computers, copy machines, printers or other technical devices necessary for the fulfillment of the project (for example, the purchase of a computer for organizing a conference is not a justified expense).

Administrative expenses include communication expenses (phone, fax, e-mail, postage); bank fees; copying and print services; office materials (e.g., paper, toner, envelopes). Although printing of leaflets and brochures may be covered by the grant, please explore other options such as use of social media to cut down on costs and environmental impact.

Bank charges should be pre-calculated and included in the budget. The use of "miscellaneous expenses" as a budget item is unacceptable.

**Reporting requirements:** What is your method of reporting and who will be the point of contact for reporting purposes? Please note that both financial and narrative reports will be required.

**Contributions to this project:** Please describe the possibilities for co-funding of the project by other organizations. Please note that priority will be given to projects that include collaboration between NGOs. Please describe the in-kind contribution of your organization. In-kind contributions can include voluntary work, use of premises, vehicles, classroom supplies, equipment or payment of a program event from your own funds, etc.

**Have you applied anywhere else with this project:** Please write down, if you have done so, the name of the organization where you have applied and the status of your application.

**DUNS Number and the Registration Paper:** This information is mandatory for those applicants who make it to the final round. It is OK not to include this information in the application if you choose to do so.

## **Other Guidelines**

- All grantees must receive advance approval before making any changes to the budget during the implementation of the project.
- If you receive funding from the CJCSP, you will be required to submit a detailed program and financial report on the outcomes of the project.
- The DUNS number will be used for tracking purposes, and to validate addresses and points of contact information. Organizations that do not have a DUNS number can apply at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>. Internationally, a foreign organization can request a DUNS number from the local D&B office via the telephone. The list of international offices is available at: [http://www.dnb.com/US/customer\\_service/global\\_listing.asp](http://www.dnb.com/US/customer_service/global_listing.asp), organized by region and/or country. Although a DUNS number is not required at the time of submission, including the number in the initial application will speed grant approval should your project be selected for funding.

## **BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION:**

\* Read the CJCSP Guidelines once again. Make sure you understand the guidelines and that your proposal fits the purposes outlined.

\* Carefully review the application to make sure it is complete and free of errors.

\* You may wish to ask someone who does not know anything about your project to read your proposal to determine if it can be understood. Remember that the members of the CJCSP Committee will not know anything about your proposal. If they cannot understand it without asking further questions, it will not be considered for approval. Please try to avoid writing more than you are asked in certain sections of the Application Form.

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